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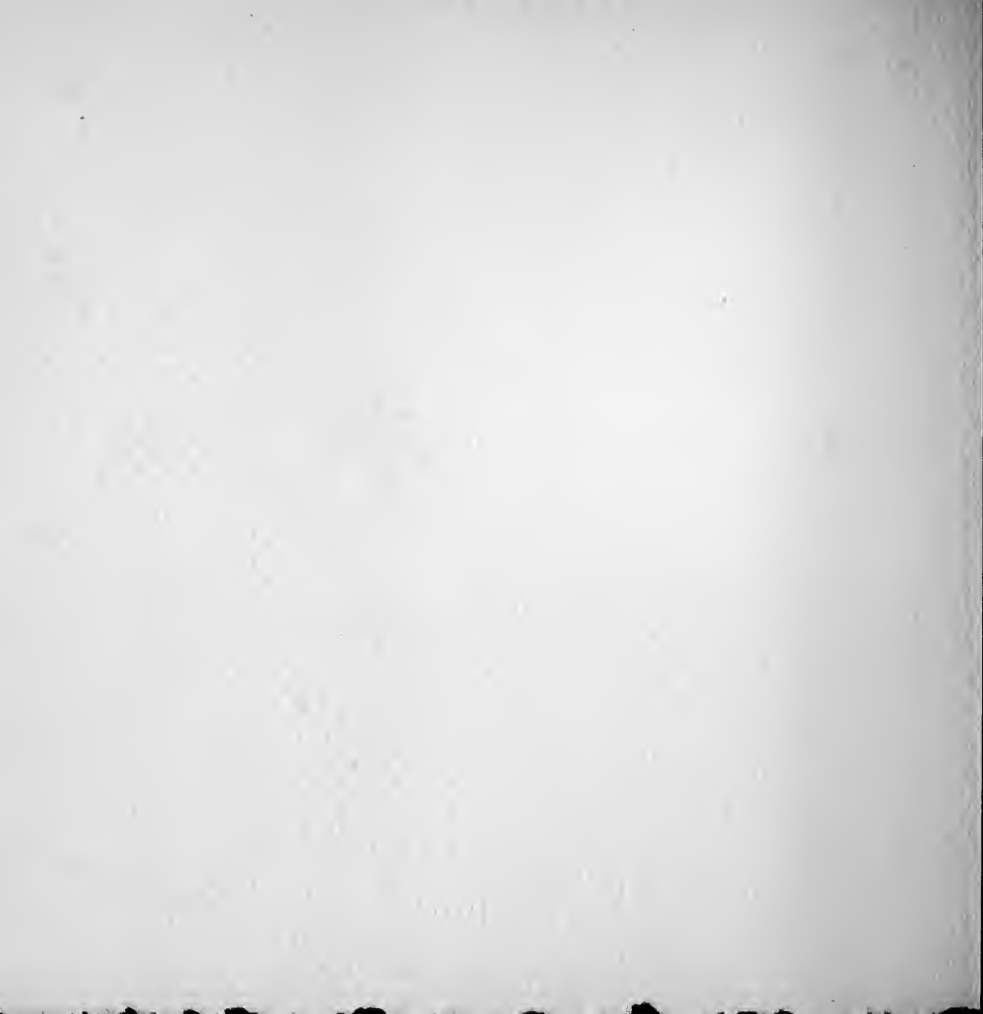
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A Christmas Sunbeam.







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CHRISTMAS SUNBEAM.

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GATHERING Christmas mistletoe

To deck the cottage walls,

Herself, the sweetest floweret

On which the sunlight falls.

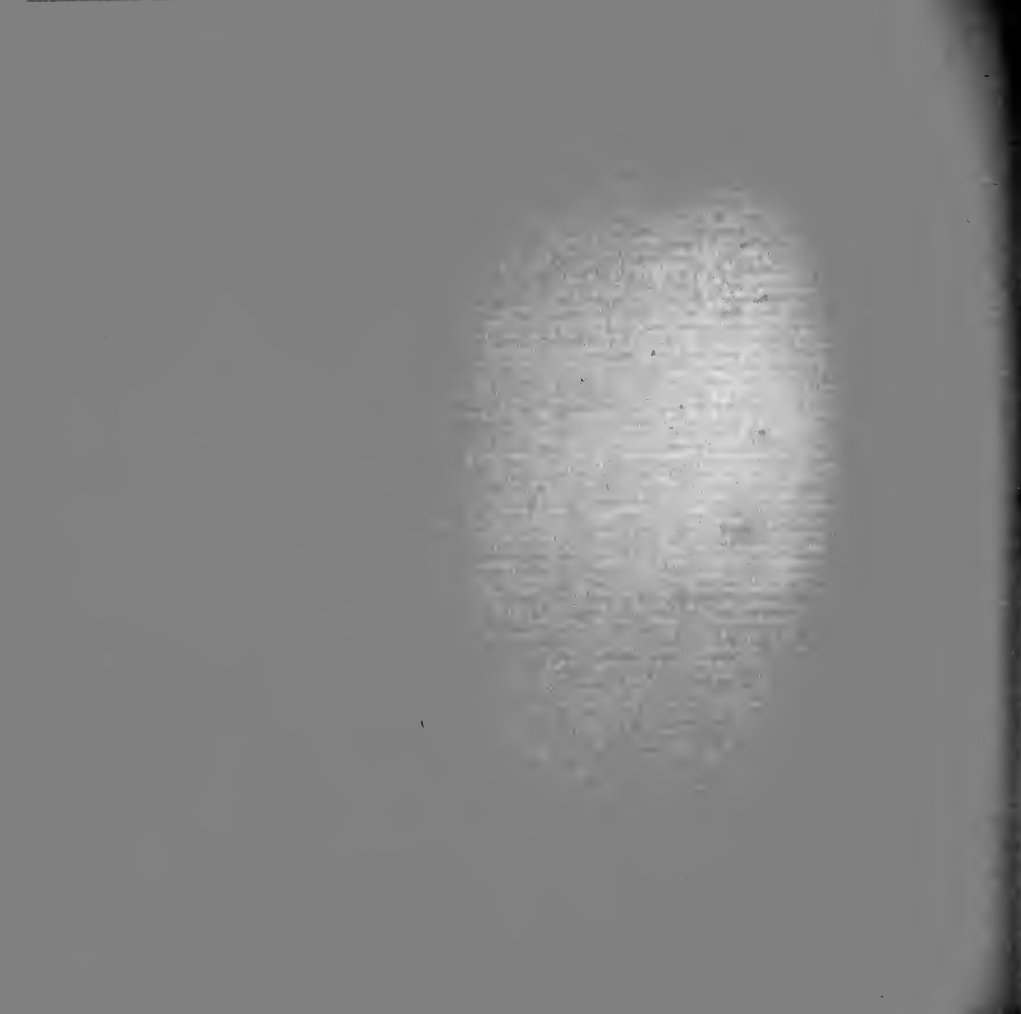
Calmly seated on a snow-bank

All unmindful of the cold,

Clasping tight the treasured bunches

That the little fingers hold.





SURELY now the lowly cottage.

Has no need of other grace

To charm the joyous Christmas morning,

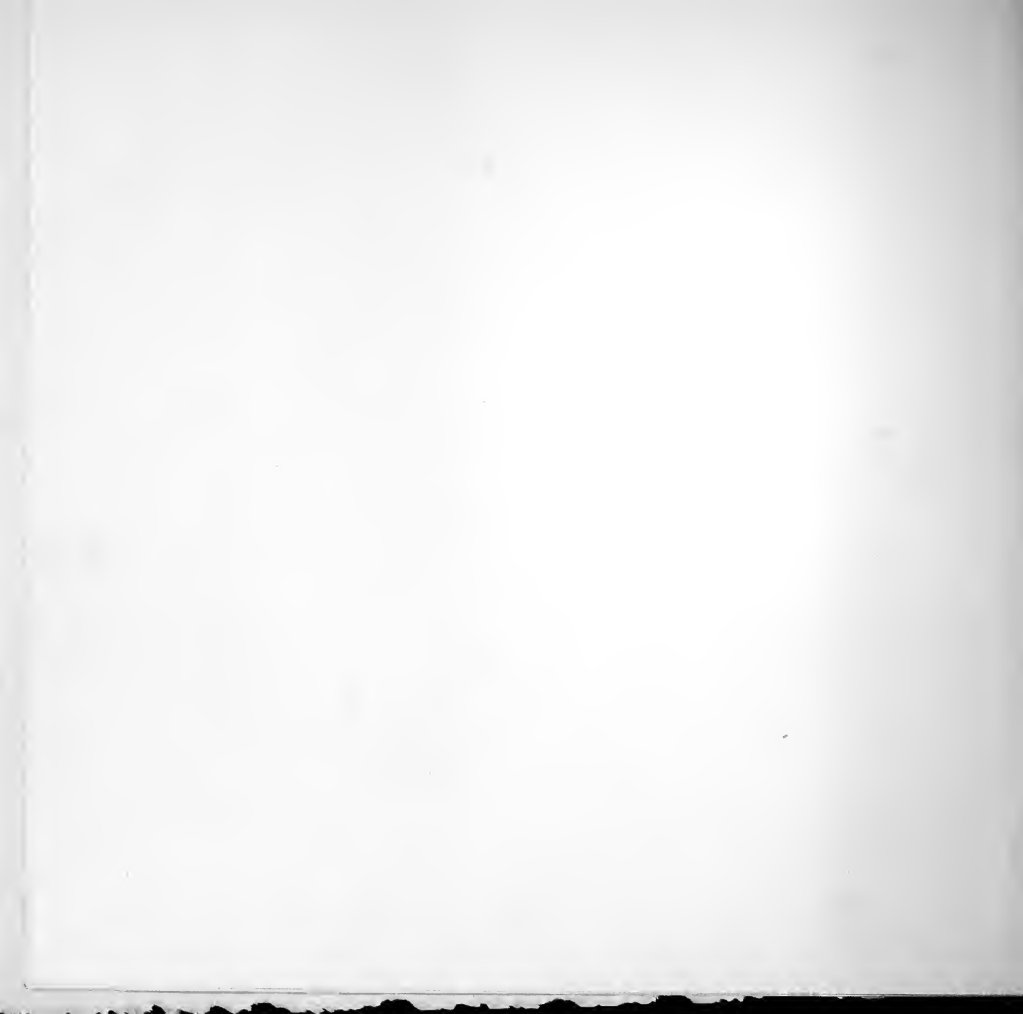
Than her pretty smiling face;

Christmas joy must surely linger

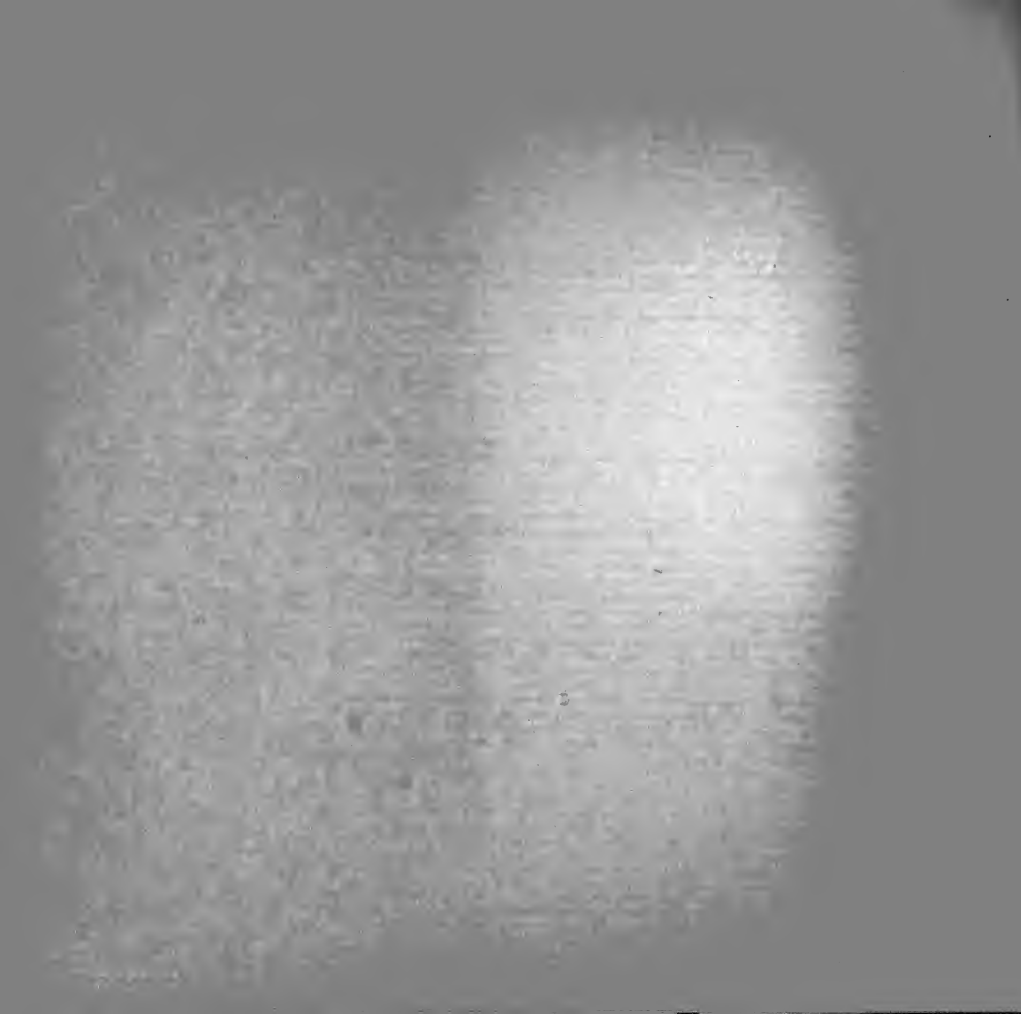
Where her footsteps lightly go,

Loving hearts that know her, surely,

Christmas joy and gladness know.



LIKE a merry sunbeam, straying  
From the sky at break of day,  
Choosing, with a wayward spirit,  
On the pleasant earth to stay,  
So, this little maiden wanders  
Round about with sweet intent,  
Comes to-day a happy sunbeam,  
Christmas sunbeam,—Heaven sent.



WISHING all the world a welcome

From her little loving heart:

In her share of Christmas bounty

Wishing all could have a part.

And throughout the hills and valleys

Where the sunbeams brightly gleam,

Not one sweeter, fairer, brighter

Than this little "Christmas-beam."

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